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Burgess Tells GFWC

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U-2 Proved U. S. Ahead in Might

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THE U-2 FLIGHT, used by Soviet Premier Khrushchev as an excuse to shatter the Summit conference, "proved that the United States is still ahead of Russia militarily," W. Randolph Burgess, U. S. permanent representative to the North Atlantic Council, told an international luncheon meeting yesterday of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

"I know we've got a very good show in the military," Burgess declared in a no-holds-barred retort to "the nonsense talked at home" on America's military strength. The flight, proved, he said, that the Soviets still have no defense against "our manned bombers."

But he warned the applauding delegates to the Federation's 69th annual convention at the Sheraton-Park that "we will have to keep working at defense and we'll have to keep spending money."

He also told the delegates that America's military assistance programs are vital; "Our defense dollars bring us greater returns on these particular programs than, perhaps, in any other way."

In noting that the future struggle with Russia may be "an economic battle," Burgess also argued that "we must have a sound monetary base and a balanced budget to keep our U. S. dollars strong."

In listing the "silver linings" of the summit that didn't happen, Burgess declared that the Soviets' failure to get a vote of censure out of the U. N. Security Council on the U-2 flight was "a very personal vote of confidence for the President of the United States, who took the personal responsibility of telling the truth, a procedure not usual in intelligence matters."

"Khrushchev's threats in

Paris pulled NATO still closer together."

Burgess' talk followed an elaborate program of global dances and songs at the luncheon meeting at which Mrs. Richard M. Nixon was the guest of honor.

At her own request, Mrs. Nixon came down from the head table to shake hands with presidents of the Federation's international clubs. She also had a personal word and how-do-you-do for wives of the ambassadors of the Philippines, Israel, Korea, Indonesia, Ceylon, Austria, Germany and India.

Others whom Mrs. Nixon greeted were Bertha Adkins, HEW Under Secretary; Alice Leopold of the Women's Division, Department of Labor; Pearl Pace, of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, and Mrs. Wilber Brucker, wife of the Secretary of the Army.

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